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Order of Business: On Friday, September 5, 2003, Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) offered a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308—the All-American Tax Relief Act. Although debate on the motion was completed on September 5th, the roll-call vote on the motion was postponed until today.

Text of Motion: The text of the Ruppersberger motion is as follows:

1. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provision of the Senate amendment, not included in the House amendment, that provides immediate payments to taxpayers receiving additional credit by reason of the bill in the same manner as other taxpayers were entitled to immediate payments under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.
2. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provision of the Senate amendment, not included in the House amendment, that provides families of military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones a child credit based on the earnings of the individuals serving in the combat zone.
3. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report all of the other provisions of the Senate amendment and shall not report back a conference report that includes additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions.
4. To the maximum extent possible within the scope of the conference, the House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of astronauts who died in the *Columbia* disaster.
5. The House conferees shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this motion, meet in open session with the Senate conferees, and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction, not later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

Additional Background: Substantively identical motions to instruct failed on numerous occasions recently:

DeLauro Motion, July 16th: 206-220

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=370>

Michaud Motion, July 17th: 202-214

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=390>

Bell Motion, July 18th: 188-201

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=396>

Van Hollen Motion, July 21st: 193-212

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=398>

Ross Motion, July 25th: 202-214

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=446>

Bishop (NY) Motion, July 25th: 206-216

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=447>

Solis Motion, July 25th: 202-221

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=449>

Cooper Motion, September 5th: 186-210

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2003&rollnumber=477>

To view the RSC Legislative Bulletin on H.R. 1308, as it was considered in the House, visit this webpage: <http://www.house.gov/burton/RSC/LB61203A.pdf>

Cost to Taxpayers: Any motion to instruct conferees is non-binding and thus would have no effect on the cost of the underlying legislation.

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